Y.M.C.A. - 1928.

Secretary National Council of Y.M.C.A. Sails on Olympic for England

Plans to Attend League of Nations Conference at Geneva and International Missionary Council at Jerusalem Before Reaching Africa

Max Yergan, secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. of the United States, to whose work in South Africa among native Africans $25,000 was recently given by John D. Rockefeller Jr., sailed Friday night on the Olympic for England, on his way back to South Africa for a five-year period of work. With him were his wife and his three little children.

Mr. Yergan is returning to Africa by way of Jerusalem, where he will attend the sessions of the International Missionary Council from March 24 to April 8. Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., is chairman of the Council meeting, at which various international matters pertaining to missionary work will be discussed.

Mr. Yergan will take a leading part in the interracial discussions at the conference, dealing particularly with conditions in South Africa. He will be aided in this presentation by Prof D. D. T. Jabavu, a native professor at the South African Native College. The two men will represent the interests of the native African at the conference.

Two other prominent men sailed on Saturday to attend the sessions of the International Missionary Council. They are Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. W. W. Alexander, senior secretary of the Inter-Racial Commission. They sailed on the Adriatic.

Mr. Yergan will not reach South Africa until May. Following his arrival in England, he will spend five days in London and one day each in Oxford and Cambridge speaking before selected groups. Then he will proceed to Geneva, where he will take part in important conferences with leaders of the League of Nations on inter-racial matters.

After spending three weeks in Jerusalem he will board ship for South Africa, travelling down the east coast. Upon arrival, Mr. Yergan plans to get in touch with his many volunteer workers and to visit the twenty-six local Y. M. C. As. which he has set up in Cape Colony, Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

The man who was in charge of Mr. Yergan's work in the latter's absence, a Mr. Mwana, a native African, plans to come to New York soon to study and learn Y. M. C. A. methods here. He will probably be connected with the staff of the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Yergan's heart was warmed just before he sailed by a dinner given in his honor by the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A. At this dinner he was given a check for $150, raised by the boy members of the boys' department.

In addition to the gift by Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Yergan has raised about $7,000 from Negroes and whites in this country toward the erection of a Y. M. C. A. headquarters building at Alice, Cape Province, South Africa. Approximately $15,000 have yet to be raised and Mr. Yergan has hope of securing it. The building will probably be begun in the Fall. Land for it has been donated by the South African native college at Alice.

Besides the money for his building, Mr. Yergan is soon to have a moving-picture projection machine, with which he can delight many native African children who have never seen moving pictures. He plans to have a machine which can be run from the power of his Ford car. He will use films of an educational nature dealing with health and personal hygiene, etc. He will be able to stage many impromptu moving-picture shows by projecting the pictures on the walls of African huts. Mr. Yergan hopes also to have a Victrola for his new building.

Another personal question which Mr. Yergan hopes to solve is that of a home. He has not had one since he has been in South Africa. He has lived in everything from mud huts to snake-infested dwellings. Another problem is that of education for his three boys. Not until they are old enough to attend the Negro colleges can they receive proper training. Mrs. Yergan teaches the children now.

Mr. Yergan is anxious to renew the inter-racial contacts which he had built up before he left. He has been receiving a hearing in English and Boer white universities. This is in great contrast with the reception he got when he first went to South Africa. It took a year for the Y. M. C. A. to get him into the country at all, and when he first travelled about he had to have a pass. Now he is made welcome and has the confidence of both natives and whites.

Mr. Yergan, who in 1926 was awarded the Harmon medal for the best work during that year in religious and social work, has been in this country for a year acquainting both Negroes and whites with his work. The building at Alice will

Off for Africa

— Max Yergan —

be a center for all his activitie throughout the Union of South A rica, as well as a social trainir center for the students of the c lege and a community gatherin place for the village folk livi about it.

In his work, Yergan has two jectives: to demonstrate to the tives the possibility of practical s vice to their fellows and to h build up a new leadership for rica.

NO DISTINCTION OF RACE COLOR FOR SCOUTING

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Colored Boys of Sedalia Derive Benefits From Troop Meetings

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SEDALIA, Mo.—"Scouting" makes no distinction of race, creed or color, but co-operates with all.

The boy problem is essentially the same the world over; hence the need and the existence of Scouting wherever there are boys.

One year ago a school of boy leadership was held in Sedalia for colored men. Nineteen men began the course and seventeen completed it. This provided a body of trained men for the work among the colored boys of the city. Troop committees were formed from this body of men; and two troops have been organized—number 5 under the leadership of Mr. Gooch, an instructor in Lincoln school, and number 15 with L. P. Valentine as Scoutmaster. Both troops are in district number one under the jurisdiction of Deputy Commissioner C. C. Hubbard.

The boys are interested, and have shown a fine spirit. It is well for the people of our community to know that the colored people of Sedalia are ambitious to better themselves materially, intellectually and spiritually.

The erection of a number of handsome and substantial new churches, and the fact that they are now engaged upon a program of street paving, (with less opposition than has often been encountered in other parts of the city) are some of the evidences of this.

The stirring of civic pride and ambition has crystallized in the "North Side Improvement Association," to which much of the actual progress is due. A surprisingly large number of the residents own their homes, or are making payments with that consummation in view.

Such people appreciate the value of "Scouting", and give it enthusiastic support.

Professor Hubbard, in addressing the scout leaders' meeting recently said: "The colored people are not asking help, but they do desire appreciation, and a better understanding," and to this end he made the statement, that it is not altogether fair to measure his race by the loafer on the street, since the worth while man is generally at work, and the worth while woman is busy at home, or perhaps somewhere else in the laudable effort to maintain a home."

DR. HOPE TO ATTEND WORLD MISSIONARY MEET

Leaving Atlanta Wednesday afternoon, Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, sailed from New York on Saturday, February 25, on the S. S. Adriatic for the Mediterranean. He is going as a delegate to the World Missionary Conference, which is to be held in Jerusalem, March 24 to April 9.

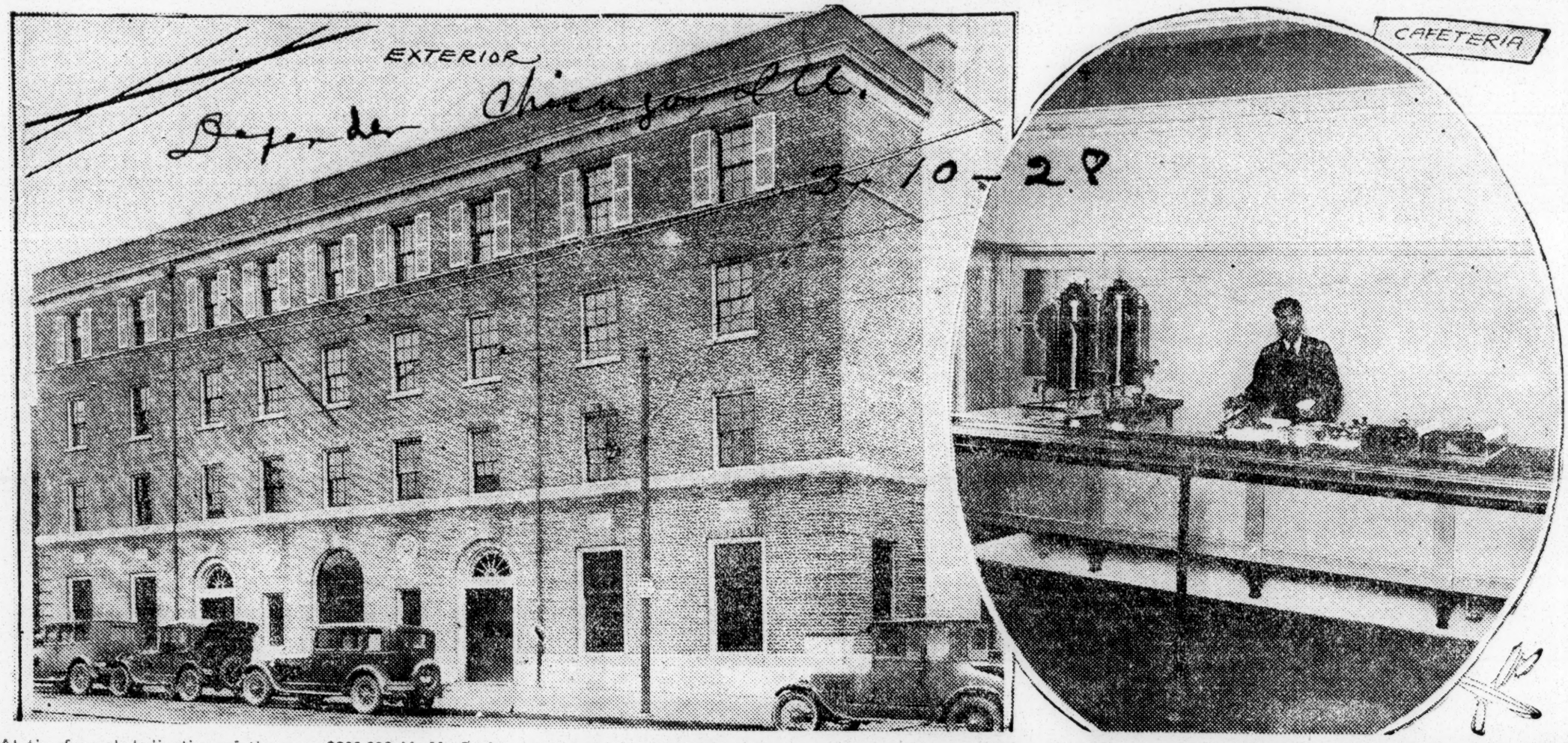
Dr. Hope was invited to attend this conference as one of the two hundred delegates, including missionaries, educators, government representatives and others, who will study various problems now confronting mission work of all denominations.

Dr. John R. Mott, of New York, is to preside at the conference.

One of the principal subjects to be discussed at the conference, it is announced, will be the spirit of racial unrest now evidenced in many parts of the world. America, it is expected, will figure prominently in discussions of this subject, with Dr. Hope contributing valuable suggestions. His paper on "The Negro in the United States of America" has been published in one of the several pamphlets issued by the International Missionary Council in connection with the Jerusalem meeting, and a cable from Dr. Mott (who left before the other delegates) received the day before Dr. Hop left Atlanta, requested that he, together with Max Yergan, speak at the Conference on "A Christian Solution of the Race Problem."

Dr. Hope will take advantage of the return trip to visit several points in the Far East. He will return to New York on April 26.

DEDICATE BEAUTIFUL $200,000 Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT DAYTON, OHIO



At the formal dedication of the new $200,000 Y. M. C. A. building at Dayton, Ohio (shown above), this week, high tribute was paid to George Foster Peabody, John D. Rockefeller and Julius Rosenwald for the wonderful co-operation and financial aid which made possible the long anticipated dream of the citizens of Dayton. Acting upon the offer of philanthropists to match every dollar raised, the people of Dayton rallied to the cause and in a short time had reached their quota, which completed the amount required to erect one of the finest Y buildings in America. Due to such assistance and encouragement, there are now 18 beautiful and modern buildings situated in various parts of the country, valued at nearly $5,000,000, which fill a vital need in the lives of our youth, as well as serve as an inspiration for the entire Race. At the interesting dedication ceremonies, large crowds of Ohioans filled the vast auditorium to overflowing and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. The visiting officials and local staff were enthusiastically greeted. Attorney J. B. Jetton presided. Channing H. Tobias, national Y secretary, delivered a stirring address in which the names of the great benefactors were loudly cheered. Short addresses were made also by John A. Green, executive secretary, and D. A. Gilliam, committee chairman. The insert shows a portion of the modern cafeteria.

COLUMBUS, GA. LEDGER

FEB 2 2 1927

Program Is Planned At Colored Y. M. C. A.

The employed boys' brotherhood of the Ninth street branch Y. M. C. A. will present at the St. John's A. M. E. church Thursday, February 23, at 8 p. m., "A Womanless Wedding." A musical program will precede the program, which follows:

Vocal solo—Lucy Bennett.
Reading—F. H. Williams.
Vocal solo—Brigham Young.
Presentation of the wedding—H. R. Williams, Jr.
Vocal solo—C. J. Haygood.

The bridal party is composed of bride, James McCarter; groom, Alex Johnson; maid of honor, Bert Bass; Matron of honor, Albert Thomas; bridesmaids: Charlie Mitchell, Walter Jones, and Clarence David; groomsmen: Clifford David, William Blackshear; best man, Henry Adkins; father, L. H. Shipp; license bearer, James Young; minister, Carl Jones; flower girls, J. E. Porter, Anderson Robinson; train bearers, Seaborn Garrett, Cecil Jones, flapper, Sim A. Webb.

After the wedding the bridal reception will be held at the Ninth street Y. M. C. A. Passes will be given at the church and everybody is invited.

Tobias Dedicates New Dayton Y.M.C.A.

DAYTON, O., Mar. 8. — Speaking at the dedication of the new $200,000 Y. M. C. A. for colored men here Friday, Channing H. Tobias, National "Y" secretary, declared: "Local 'Y' associations operating among colored people do a gross business annually of nearly a million dollars and the only profits realized are expressed in character values." The speaker reminded the large audience, composed of the leading people of Dayton, that the Negro was not an appendage to the general association movement but a real part of it, a Negro association having been organized as far back as 1853. High tribue was paid to George Foster Peabody, John D. Rockefeller and Julius Rosenwald without whose cooperation it would have been impossible to have acquired the 18 modern buildings in different parts of the country at a cost of nearly $5,000,000. There was a great outburst of applause when Mr. Tobias made the statement that Mr. Rosenwald had rendered the greatest service to the race of any man since Abraham Lincoln.

Music was furnished by the Elks' Band. Attorney J. P. Jetton presided and brief remarks were made by Executive Secretary John A. Green and committee chairman, D. A. Gilliam.

FREE PRESS
DETROIT, MICH.

MAY 15 1928

PURCHASE CAMP SITE FOR NEGRO 'Y' MEMBERS

Purchase for $10,000 of 138 acres near Williams Lake at Gregory in Livingston county, 60 miles west of Detroit, was announced yesterday by Dr. A. G. Studer, general secretary for Detroit Y. M. C. A. The property will be used as a summer camp for Negro young men and boys. The young men's section opens July 23 and the boys on August 6. Workmen start tomorrow to prepare the site.

Y. M. C. A. - 1928

Rosenwald Day!

NEW YORK, Apr. 12.—An annual "Julius Rosenwald Day," planned by Negro Young Men's Christian associations in all parts of the United States in tribute to the Chicago philanthropist, said to have given $20,000,000 for Negro welfare, was announced on Wednesday.

The original suggestion came from the Cincinnati association, one of the many to which Rosenwald donated $25,000 each on condition that they raise $75,000 each by popular subscription. No date has yet been set for the holiday.

STAR
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MAR 30 1928

Y. BRANCH PLANS BEDS FOR HOMELESS NEGROES

A special appropriation of $30(with which to establish emergency beds for transient Negroes at the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A. was approved by the Community Fund board of directors at their regular monthly meeting yesterday noon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The appropriation will provide beds and sanitary equipment for the homeless Negroes temporarily until the city has lodgings for Negro transients, according to H. C. Atkins, president. None of the lodging houses maintained by welfare organizations has provision for the homeless Negroes, which has necessistated their being sent to neighboring boarding homes where space was available. The colored Y. M. C. A., according to the report submitted by the budget committee through Homer W. Borst, executive secretary, volunteered space in its building for the provision of beds, to be at the disposal of the agencies handling homeless men.

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Times

MAR 30 1928

PROVIDE $300 BED FUND FOR HOMELESS NEGROES

Well Established Emergency Cots in Y. M. C. A. Negro Branch.

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DALLAS, TEX.
Journal

APR 12 1928

NEGRO Y. M. C. A. FUND DRIVE PASSES QUOTA OF $50,000

The negro Y. M. C. A. campaign passed its $50,000 objective Thursday evening, when subscriptions of $4,658 reported by teams ran the total up to $46,908 and thus made available an additional $5,000 from W. S. Willis, Dallas negro, who promised that amount as soon as the remaining pledges would reach $45,000.

The Willis gift was received by E. R. Brown, president of the central branch of the Dallas Y. M. C. A., who, with W. C. Proctor, treasurer of the Dallas Y, and Urban Williams, State Y. M. C. A. secretary, were honor guests of the evening. Mr. Brown also accepted a conditional subscription from Dr. J. W. Anderson, local negro physician, to be contributed if the remaining pledges reach the $60,000 mark. With $51,908 already pledged and nearly two days to go, leaders of the campaign state that the Anderson contribution should be made available before the close of the campaign Friday evening.

With cash of $6,322 accompanying the subscriptions, the Dallas campaign has broken the record for cash secured in any similar negro Y project anywhere in the country. The former record, held by Winston-Salem, was exceeded by more than $1,000.

DALLAS, TEX.
News

MAR 23 1928

Will Raise $50,000 For Negro Y. M. C. A.

Organization plans for the Y. M C. A. building campaign among the negro residents of Dallas to run concurrently with the $1,000,000

campaign of the Dallas central branch are well under way following a meeting of interested citizens, J. D. Rice, secretary of the Moorland branch of the Y. said. A minimum of $50,000 will be sought during the campaign period, April 3-13, under direction of R. B. DeFrantz of the financial bureau of the national Y. M. C. A. council.

Of the $1,000,000 to be sought in the campaign among the white citizens it is planned to use $100,000 toward the construction of a negro branch here, so that with the $50,000 to be raised under auspices of the Moorland branch, at least $150,000 will be available for the new building.

Bluefield, W. Va., Telegraph
Wednesday, April 4, 1928

HI-Y MOVEMENT IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Series of Conferences Started Last Saturday Throughout State; More Meetings During the Spring

The development of the Hi-Y movement among the high schools of West Virginia has been so rapid in the past few years that there are now over seventy clubs in the state. Such a rapid growth has called for training conferences each spring in the various areas. Each year the number of these Hi-Y council meetings has increased until this year there are five being held under the auspices of the state Y. M. C. A.

The first of the Hi-Y councils was held at Fairview last Saturday and Sunday with fifteen clubs represented. The second of the series will be held at Williamstown this week-end with thirteen clubs on the list. At Hurricane, on April 28 and 29 the third Hi-Y meeting will be held with eleven clubs sending delegates. The following week-end Princeton will be host to a meeting of nine clubs. The final meeting of the series will be held at Lewisburg on May 12 and 13, with representatives from nine clubs. The remaining clubs of the state will meet in connection with the State Negro, Older Boys' conference at Montgomery April 20 to 23, or have already met at the Martinsburg Northeastern West Virginia Older Boys' conference.

These meetings are working conferences at which practical problems of organization, administration and program are discussed and ideas exchanged for successfully operating Hi-Y clubs.

Columbia S.C.

APR 1928

OLDER BOYS MEET AT BENEDICT TODAY

Conference to Extend Over Three Days—Bullock of New York Speaks.

(Contributed.)

The fifth annual session of the Older Negro Boys' conference will open in Columbia today, the first meeting being held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Benedict college with other meetings tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

The sessions Saturday afternoon will be held in Allen university at which talks by boys will be heard on the following topics: "A Forward Hi-Y Program;" "A Forward Home Life;" "A Forward School Life," and "A Forward Church Life."

The annual banquet of the conference given tonight in the dining hall of Benedict college. The keynote speaker at the banquet will be Dr James Shepard, president of the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durhahm, N. C.

The address at the opening of the conference this afternoon will be delivered by R. W. Bullock of New York City who is National Boys' Work secreary. His subject for the meeting this afternoon is, "The Forward Movement for the Boys of South Carolina."

Birmingham, Ala. Age-Herald

MAR 13 1928

NEGRO ASSEMBLY HELD

Prominent Speakers Address Meridian Older Boys' Gathering

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 12—Several notable speakers appeared on the program of the fifth annual Mississippi Negro Older Boys Assembly held in this city during the past week-end. Among them were Dr. Hardie Hays, of the State Board of Health; Lamont Rowlands, of Picayune; Blake Godfrey, of Jackson, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Wallace Journey, Hardy Stone and Ben Cameron, all of Meridian. The assembly was attended by 152 boys and men, coming from every part of the state. The assembly sermon was delivered by Dr. J. F. B. Shaw, president of Haven College, Meridian. Several negro leaders from Meridian and other parts of the state participated in the program.

TELEGRAPH
HARRISBURG, PA.

MAY 3 - 1928

GET NEW SITE FOR COLORED Y. M. C. A.

New Home to Be Built Probably in 1930; Tell Plans For Funds

Acquisition of a new site for the Colored Men's Y. M. C. A. was announced to-day by the board of managers of the Y. M. C. A., who explained that funds for the purchase of the site will be raised by a subscription campaign.

The new site is bounded by Briggs, Ash and Primrose streets, and the Wickersham school building. It is nearly 57 by 100 feet.

Changed Ownership Often

Efforts to secure a permanent home for the Y. M. C. A. have been made since 1920 as the building in Verbeke street has changed ownership five times since that time and temporary quarters were moved to 628 Forster street.

To Erect Building

Work was started under the leadership of C. Sylvester Jackson, president, and Fritz Cansler, secretary, and has been continued since by Dr. Charles H. Crampton and W. R. Burden, secretary. Fifteen members of the board of managers head different committees to assist in raising funds for the new building site on which is expected to be constructed a new building at a cost of $150,000. The funds will be raised at the same time the Central Y. M. C. A. hopes to raise sufficient money to build a new home in 1930. Other funds will be available for the branch Y. M. C. A. later it is expected, including $25,000 from the Julius Rosenwald fund. The building is held in trust until funds have been raised for actual purchase.

At recent election directors whose terms expired March 31 were re-elected because of their faithful endeavors in promoting the work, S. Walter Parson, J. Paul Clifford, W. J. Hooper and C. S. Jackson with Nelson W. Walker, the new man elected. The entire list of officials were also re-elected; Dr. Charles H. Crampton, president; W. H. Bond, vice-president; George S. Winters, recording secretary, and C. S. Jackson, treasurer.

The present year just closed under many handicaps. The branch did a very commendable work.

Durham, N. C. Herald
Sunday, May 6, 1928

NEGRO Y. W. C. A. GIVES A DISTINCT SERVICE IN CITY

Harriett Tubman Branch of Association, Though Handicapped For Lack of Space, Is Doing Big Work Among Girls and Young Women of Community; Club Work Features

A distinct service is being rendered Negro girlhood and young womanhood of Durham through the Harriett Tubman branch of the Y. W. C. A. For nearly six years it has been a place of shelter for the girls and young women of the community and those who came here from other places in quest of employment. That it has functioned well is shown in the steady growth enjoyed by the association in all its departments and the future, according to leaders in Y. W. C. A. work in Durham, is bright.

The association headquarters is located in Hayti, on Fayetteville street in the midst of the colored community known far and wide for its completeness. Although handicapped through lack of adequate quarters and funds with which to do the work its board would like it to do, it has been the means of bringing girls and young women together from all parts of the city, associating them in the principles of Christ; impressing on them their duty to their associates, to their employers and to their God.

This little cottage can house only 10 girls. The appeals for lodging have far exceeded those who were fortunate in securing rooms in the neat, well kept little building. Most of these requests have been from girls coming to Durham in search of work. The capacity is 10, however, making it possible for a very small portion of the number seeking lodging to obtain it. During the past year 30 girls and women have lived in the building and 25 transients have been accommodated.

Determined efforts are being made to increase the scope of service of the association in Durham. A mortgage now lies heavily upon the property which has prevented the association from expanding in its work and it will be necessary for it to be lifted before needed improvements can be made. Hope is expressed by the leaders in the work, however, that the debt can be wiped out within a short time, making it possible for the association's influence to reach out and take hold of many more of the girls and young women who need the environment such as is offered by the Negro Y. W. C. A. of Durham.

Not only is the association offering wholesome home life to the girls and young women, but it assists them in obtaining employment. Out of 90 requests for aid in securing work, the association was able to put 75 into jobs. This service is an invaluable one.

Among the younger girls the Y. W. C. A. is doing a big work. Four Girls Reserve clubs are functioning, composed of grade and high school girls from all over the city. A club of industrial girls is also doing excellent work under the association's supervision. Classwork has included carving, painting, flower making, serving and other useful projects. Active club girls number about 150.

That the women of the Negro race are interested in the association has been shown in the enthusiastic assistance they have rendered the secretary, according to an active worker in the Y. W. C. A. Through committees much good has been accomplished and the work of the association has been furthered.

A good account is being given by the secretary and board of their stewardship.

Thomasville, Ga. Times-Enterprise
Friday, May 4, 1928

THE COLORED Y. M. C. A.

No citizen of Thomasville can read of the building of the colored Y. M. C. A. wtihout feeling pleasure in and admiration for the spirit of the man, who is directly and personally responsible for it. Will Gibson has seen the vision of service and unlike many men with much more material wealth than he possesses he has put his spirit into terms of actuality.

The building is well constructed, it is clean, wholesome in design and arrangement and certainly a structure of itself which Thomasville may feel pride in, as the first effort of that type which has ever been made here. This effort is signifiant. It is likewise impressive from the standpoint of the donor but more particularly as it represents the result of years of education, in which there has been builded a willingness and a vision of the development of that race along lines of moral courage and physical fitness.

Thomasville has always boasted of the fine type of colored citizens, which it possessed. There is no more significant evidence of it than the generosity of this one man and those who are with him in the effort to make this building answer a long felt want and a definite need. As for the time, the hours of personal labor, the thought and love for his race, which preceded it, that he has put into it, we can all look with admiration and pleasure at this significant and wholly worthy effort and if possible aid materially and in spirit in the consummation of that service for which it was so generously designed and so finely put into execution.

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CONSTITUTION
ATLANTA, GA.
MAY 16 1928

Success Crowns Y. M. C. A. Drive For 500 Members

As the membership drive of the Butler Street Colored Y. M. C. A. closed Monday night the figures showed that the goal of 500 new members had been exceeded by more than half and that 763 new names had been added to the rolls.

The Blue division, led by L. B. Milton, with A. M. Carter as his first assistant, won by a narrow margin over the Reds, under William Driskell and A. T. Walden. B. C. Baskerville, captain of No. 8 team of the Blue division, and his group won the loving cup given to the team having the greatest total of points. The No. 4 team of the Reds, under R. H. Howard, had the highest total for its division.

W. A. Bell, chairman of the committee on management, and J. M. Chiles, executive secretary, thanked the workers and expressed themselves as being gratified with the results shown. Dr. John Hope presented a token of esteem to R. B. DeFrantz, of the national council of the Y. M. C. A., who has been in Atlanta for the purpose of aiding the drive. DeFrantz will move on to Columbus, Ga., where he plans to direct a campaign similar to the one conducted here.

The score by teams was as follows: Red division, S. S. Abrams, 57 members; Dr. S. M. Lewis, 19; A. Bowie, 71; Roy H. Howard, 67; Dr. H. E. Nash, 44. Total 258.

Blue division: W. H. Smith, 80 members, H. S. Murphy, 2; B. C. Baskerville, 109; W. C. Kelley, 59; F. B. Washington, 25. Total, 275.

Pre-campaign committee, 230.

Total Red and Blues, 763.

Y. M. C. A. WORK HERE RE-OPENS

Man From St. Louis On Way To City To Take Charge

OFFICERS ELECTED

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., definite steps were taken towards a reorganization of the work in this city. The recently elected Secretary, Mr. Nance of St. Louis is expected within the next few days to assume full charge of the work. He comes to Norfolk highly recommended by the national association officers and has won quite a name for himself by his splendid work as a secretary at the Y. M. C. A. in Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as by similar work in this State a few years ago. He has already been assured the full cooperation of a large number of citizens of this city.

J. H. McGrew, executive secretary of the Southern division of the Y. M. C. A. was present at the initial meeting of the board of directors and assured them of any assistance from the national organization that might be needed. A program that he considered logical for the early work was carefully outlined and discussed. Much credit is due the Central Association (white) of this city, thru its secretary, Mr. B. S. Fenn, for the reestablishment of the colored work here. The following officers were elected; Prof. Winston Douglas, chairman, Eugene West, vice chairman; J. C. Brooks, treasurer and T. P. Turner, recording secretary.

Y.M.C.A. – 1928.

Reviving The Y. M. C. A

THE announcement that definite plans have been formed for reviving Y. M. C. A. activities here among our group comes as gratifying news to the public. Though the suspension of those activities in this city several years ago was to be and has been much deplored, it is to the credit of the people of the community that they have never lost hope of re-establishing the work upon a basis that would insure its continuous operation. That hope now appears about to be realized.

Although the success of the work will depend to a very large extent upon the type of official who has direct supervision over it, the fact should be borne in mind that the responsibility of maintaining and developing the Y. M. C. A. belongs to the public. Cooperation, civic consciousness and a consciousness of our obligations to the youth of our race must be evidenced by a sufficiently large element of our group if the institution is to become a moving and vital force in our community. The prime need to sustain the work is a large adult, active and praying membership. In fact, it ought to be possible to enroll the majority of family heads as members of the Y. M. C. A. and particularly should the churchest and lodges contribute heavily to the membership. In reality, membership in the church or lodge and Y. M. C. A. ought to be synonymous. It is to be hoped that when the individual who has been selected to re-institute the work here assumes charge, he will find a public ready to cooperate and to move toward giving this city the eminent place it once held in the Council of Colored Work of the National Y. M. C. A.

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PLAN NEGRO Y. M. C. A. TO START IN AUTUMN

Secretary of Colored Unit of National Body Is Banquet Speaker.

At a banquet held last night in the Young Men's Christian Association building, Tenth and Orange streets, some of the city's leading white and colored citizens discussed plans for the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. for the Negro group of this city. Charles H. Colburn was appointed chairman of the meeting, which followed the banquet, the speaker being C. H. Tobias, of New York, senior secretary of the Colored Department of the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States. Mr. Tobias traced the history of the association since its origin and told of the achievements of the colored department.

There was a hearty response to Mr. Tobias' appeal, each person present making a subscription to the effort. An appeal will be made to the colored citizens of the community in the near future, and it is hoped that their response will make it possible for a competent Y. M. C. A. worker to be on the field in the early fall.

Those present at the banquet and meeting were: Charles H. Colburn, Drs. Conwell Banton, S. G. Elbert and J. Bacon Stubbs, Revs. J. Raymond Brown, W. S. Drummond, Jesse T. Wallace and Daniel Lyman Ridout, Professor George A. Johnson, Lewis A. Redding, Edgar Starling, Irving Sims and Dr. O. N. Smith, A. E. Lindley, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., and Charles Hillegas.

A temporary committee was formed as follows: Chairman, Charles H. Colburn; vice-chairman, Dr. J. Bacon Stubbs; secretary, Rev. Daniel Lyman Ridout; assistant secretary, Dr. O. N. Smith; treasurer, Charles Hillegas.

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Student Conference At Kings Mountain

Kings Mountain, N. C.—The famous Kings Mountain Colored Student Conference will convene in its sixteenth annual session at the Lincoln Academy, June 1—9. Delegates representing the leading Negro colleges from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania to Bethune Cookman College in Daytona, Fla., and as far west at Talladega College in Alabama will be represented at the conference.

Y. M. C. A. leaders of national reputation are to be at the conference which will be under the direction of Secretary W. C. Craver of the Colored Men's Department of the National Council. The senior secretary, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, will also be in attendance. Among the leaders who will be be present are J. W. Barco, A. H. Gordon, John Dillingham and C. D. Hubert. Other prominent leaders who have been invited to appear during the session are: Jas. Weldon Johnson, Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, President John Hope, Ralph W. Bullock, Howard Thurman, F. O. Nichols, A. Carleton of Turkey.

Kings Mount. Conference Next Month

Delegates Expected to be Present From Fourteen States

Kings Mountain, N. C., May 24—The sixteenth annual Y. M. C. A conference of colleges and schools of the East and South will meet at Lincoln Academy Kings Mountains, N. C., June 1-9. This conference represents the largest intercollegiate fellowship among Negro students in America. The conference was established by William Alpheus Hunton who was the first traveling secretary among Negro students. Out of the conference have come such important events as the Atlanta Student Convention of 1914; and such persons as Max Yergan has projected the work of the association into South Africa.

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G. Arthur Resigns as Executive Sec'y of Wabash Ave. 'Y'

Chicago citizens in all walks of life and of all races and creeds were astounded to hear of the resignation of Mr. Geo. Arthur as executive secretary of the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A., a position he has filled most creditably since 1918. Mr. Arthur has been identified with the Wabash Avenue branch of the Y. M. C. A. ever since its incipience and served as its first secretary, having taken the minutes of the first meeting called in 1912 to organize this work among the colored people of Chicago, and serving in that capacity for several years until elected to head the Wabash Avenue branch.

Geo. Arthur

Under his administration the Wabash Avenue branch has flourished and been developed into one of the most successful in the country. It was the constructive work of Mr. Arthur's at the "Y" that attracted the attention of the exective officers of the general Y. M. C. A., but also of the officials of the Julius Rosenwald foundation. Seeking a man of vision, breadth, of character and experience to add to its staff, George Arthur was selected to fill an important post. His wide acquaintance, his initiative and executive and administrative ability will serve to make him of service in his new field where he goes with the best wishes of his many friends and the whole community. His successor at the Wabash Avenue "Y" has not as yet been chosen.

It is understood that his new affiliations will not put him out of touch with the Y. M. C. A. work but will only place him in larger fields of educational, social and Christian service within the scope of the Rosenwald Foundation.

ROSENWALD GIVES $25,000 TO MONTCLAIR, N. J., "Y"

MONTCLAIR, N. J.—Julius Rosenwald, philanthropist, has given $25,000 toward the $150,000 Y. M. C. A. to be erected here, according to an announcement by Montclair [illegible] general secretary of the [illegible]

Columbus, Ga. Enquirer-Sun
Sunday, October 7, 1928

NEGRO CONFERENCE HERE THIS MONTH

The second annual older boys conference of colored boys under the auspices of the State Young Men's Christian Association will meet in Columbus Oct. 26-28.

"Because youth is much misunderstood today and often needlessly maligned", says an announcement, there should be a better understanding between youth and manturity and such conference provide the means for bringing this about. Youth need example more than erities and any effort to bridge the gap between youth and maturity is meeting the need of the times.

"The conference is open to older Christian boys, representing Sunday Schools and churches, high schools and Hi-Y clubs, Young Men Christian Association and other organizations dealing with teen age boys also adult leaders.

"It is hoped pastors, Sunday School superintendents and teachers, high school leaders and secretaries select their delegates now."

The officers for this year are as follows:

Albert Allen, Atlanta, President; Herman Simmons, Savannah, Vice-Pres.; Milton L. Brown, Augusta, Sect'y; Henry Hawkins, Montezuma, Asst. Sect'y.

The local colored Y. M. C. A. will be the host to this conference.

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WILMINGTON, DEL.

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$3000 IS PLEDGED TO NEGRO Y. M. C. A.

Mass Meeting Held Yesterday Results In Impetus Given to Movement

Dr. David A. Ward Stresses Need of Institution to Benefit Race

Formation of the proposed Young Men's Christian Association for negroes of the community is a step nearer to realization following a mass meeting yesterday afternoon in the National Theatre when cash donations and pledges exceeding $3000 were reported by teams soliciting for the organization fund.

With $600 of this amount already in the treasury, Charles H. Colbourn, chairman of the temporary committee of negro citizens sponsoring the movement, expressed confidence that by the next mass meeting of those interested in the project, scheduled for October 28 at the National Theatre, the $1000 in cash will have been raised as the requisite for aid promised by the directors of the Y. M. C. A. at Tenth and Orange streets. A fund of $4000 has been promised by the "Y" to aid in the establishment of the negro branch provided the negro citizens raise in cash a fund of $3000, to be distributed equally over a three-year period toward maintenance.

A secretary to organize the local branch, it was said, will be engaged as soon as possible from the New York headquarters. A temporary place of meeting for the association will be obtained as soon as the necessary cash has been collected, it was said.

Pleas for support of the negro citizens in the project were made in addresses delivered by officials of the white Y. M. C. A. as well as leading negroes. Dr. David A. Ward, superintendent of schools, stressed the need of a "Y" organization to supplement the work of the home, school and church in ministering to the physical, mental and spiritual life of the negro young men of the city.

Similar pleas were made by Mrs. Blanche Stubbs, director of the Thomas Garrett Settlement, I. Elmer Perry, a director of the local "Y," the Rev. D. L. Rideout and the Rev. Dr. W. S. Drummond. Louis A. Redding, a candidate for the bar of New Castle county, presided.

James M. Coulborne led in the singing of negro spirituals. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Olive Drummond, with Miss Lillian Morris at the piano.

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TOLEDO, O.

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Colored Residents To Aid 'Y' Drive

Teams To Meet Sunday At 4 P. M. To Receive Instructions.

Toledo's colored residents are organized to support and work for the Y. M. C. A. campaign for $1,500,000, E. L. Mogge, general organizer, announced Friday.

All workers of teams in the colored unit which is to be completed by Saturday will meet Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Parish hall, 1012 City Park avenue, to receive instructions and hear talks by Dr. C. H. Tobias and R. B. DeFrantz of the National Y. M. C. A. Council of New York; Dr.

J. M. Gregory of Detroit, Dr. W. T. Nelson and B. W. Overton of Cincinnati. Local representatives also will appear on the program. Dr. W. W. Stewart, general chairman of the colored unit will preside.

The colored people are anxious to see the Y. M. C. A. carry through with its plans to establish a branch building for them.

W. A. McCoglin and Dr. M. A. Harris have announced the following captain assignments for division K: Archibald W. Hackley, Alexander Robinson, Louis H. Miller, Everett J. Gatliff and J. T. Granerson. W. C. Fox and W. H. Culpher, who head up division L, have signed up Edgar H. Dubois, John D. Morris, Walter W. Ballard, John D. Stewart and William E. Carr.

GIFT TO CHICAGO BOYS $5,000,000

Non-Racial Body to Build Club Buildings For All Youths

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.— That "the future depends upon the youth of today" is being taken as a matter of fact by the Chicago Boys' Club and that organization has announced the launching of a $5,000,000 campaign to stamp out juvenile delinquency by guiding the activities of the boys in congested districts of the city.

The plan calls for the erection of twenty-five boys' club buildings throughout the city with gymnasiums, swimming pools, game rooms libraries, art and handcraft divisions, and playgrounds. Each of the buildings will cost $200,000 and five will be erected each year for the next five years.

The Chicago Boys' Club is supported by a group of prominent business men who donate time and funds to the organization. The club now supports three club buildings in different parts of the city with a total enrollment of 4,000.

"There is no more profitable investment that business men and corporations can make than in the development of the city's boys into good citizens," George A. Hughes president of the club said. Figures compiled by the organization show that very few of the boys now enrolled ever have trouble with the police. The club is non-racial and non-sectarian.

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DRIVE IS LAUNCHED FOR NEGRO Y. M. C. A

Enthusiastic Meeting Yesterday; Receive Cash and Subscriptions.

The movement for a Young Men's Christian Association for Negroes of this city went forward with might and gusto yesterday afternoon, when the spacious auditorium of the new Howard High School, at Thirteenth and Poplar streets, was crowded with persons who enthusiastically endorsed the movement.

The enthusiasm manifested itself in cash and subscriptions as well as in applause. More than $380 in cash was put down on the tables, while subscriptions to the amount of $1,30 were taken. This will insure the beginning of a colored Y in this city in a few weeks, when a secretary will be sent on the field by the National Headquarters, in New York City.

Charles H. Colburn, chairman of the temporary committee of colored citizens, who presided, told of the liberal offer which had been made by the white citizens of the city, who have promised to give $4,000 a year for three years on condition that the Negroes of the city will raise $1,[illegible] a year for three years. This will give a budget of $5,000 a year for the employment of a secretary and other expenses.

Among the speakers were: Governor Robinson, Mayor Forrest, Principal Gorge A. Johnson, of the Howard High School, J. Saunders Redding, Colonel George A. Elliott, president of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A.; A. E. Lindley secretary of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A., president R. S. Grossley, of the Dover State College for Colored Students, Superintendent of Schools David A. Ward, James T. Chandler of the Board of Education and Dr Samuel G. Elbert.

A meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 in the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. building Tenth and Orange streets, after which the complete and accurate list of those who have subscribed and donated to the movement will be made public.

The Howard High School was opened for the first time to the public for inspection yesterday.

DALLAS, TEX.
Journal

SEP 17 1928

Location Chosen for Greater Y. M. C. A.

THE purchase of an accessibly located site on Patterson avenue for the Young Men's Christian Association assures the displacement of an early landmark with a splendid modern building that will serve as the central unit of this important institution of Dallas. This essential first stop should be followed shortly by an announcement of building plans, and perhaps by word as to when actual building construction will start.

The greater Y. M. C. A. is to be something more than this central unit, since provision has been made for the construction of a building for negro citizens and for the establishment of a street and newsboys' club. All this will mean much to Dallas. Dallas knew that when it made the expansion program a certainty.

VISITOR HERE

J. A. BEAUCHAMP
National Deputy Commissioner
Boy Scouts of America

Mr. Beauchamp is the only Negro national representative of the Boy Scouts of America. On a tour of inspection he paid a visit to Norfolk last week. While here he addressed a group of Scout Masters and other interested in the Boy Scout movement. He expressed himself as being pleased with the progress being made by the recently organized Scout Troops here, and urged the leaders not to relax their efforts in putting over the Scout program as there is not a finer character-building organization in the world. He spoke interestingly, also, of the Boy Scout work among the race throughout the country.

SIOUX CITY
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OCT 10 1928

COMMISSIONER FOR NEGRO BOY SCOUT TROOPS APPOINTED

—Photo by Genelli.

Morris Rogers has been chosen as the negro Boy Scout commissioner of Sioux City, Boy Scout headquarters announced Wednesday. Plans are being made to organize a troop at Mt. Zion Baptist church and one at the African Malone Methodist church for negro boys on the West Side. The large number of negro boys interested in scout work made this move necessary to care for the boys, who were asking for a troop of their own. Ultimate plans call for the organization of negro troops on the East Side, under Mr. Roger's direction. He is a former resident of Memphis, Tenn., but has been a resident of Sioux City for several years.

Morris Rogers

Toledo Negroe Raise $30,000 For "Y" Work

Toledo, Ohio—Spurred on by the gift of $25,000 from Julius Rosenwald, Chicago philanthropist, the colored citizens of this city who are included in the Young Men's Christian Association expansion program, doubled their quota in subscriptions during the campaign, October 9 to 19. The total campaign objectives was $1,300,000 and of this amount the colored people were asked to raise $15,000.

Because of some special outstanding gifts which had not been covered, the dates of the campaign were extended to October 22. The campaign closed on Monday night, October 22, with a victory dinner at the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, at which time a report was made of the amount of $1,508,336 raised. Of this amount $30,000 was raised by Negroes who doubled their quota.

R. B. DeFrantz of the Financial Service Bureau of the National Council was campaign director; Dr. W. W. Stewart, druggist, was chairman and Attorney Jesse S. Heslip, associate chairman. W. C. Fox and W. H. Culpher were opposed to W. A. McCoglin and Dr. M. A. Harris as division leaders.

The outstanding feature of the campaign was a talk by Rev. B. F. McWilliams, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, at the inaugural dinner, Tuesday, October 9, at the Chamber of Commerce. After a five minute appeal for the Negro boys of the City of Toledo, Paul Block, New York Publisher who was present, handed a note to the chairman authorizing a subscription to the amount of $5,000 to the colored unit in the campaign as a result of Rev. McWilliams appeal.

The plans for the Negro Branch call for a building costing $200,000, with 60 dormitory rooms, gymnasium, swimming pool, shower baths, lobby, reading and club rooms, cafeteria, billiard rooms and boys' department. Herbert T. Miller, formerly of the Cincinnati and New York Y staffs, is the Toledo executive secretary, and is the youngest executive secretary in Negro Y work.

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Boys' Meetings.

Tuskegee to Teach Courses In Scout Mastership And Technic Leadership

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Jan. 5.—A course in scout mastership designed to train men to organize and conduct Boy Scout troops in local communities will be offered during the first term of the Tuskegee Institute summer school this year according to announcement made here this week. Stanley A. Harris, national director of interracial activities of the Boy Scouts of America, will conduct the course. He will be assisted by J. A. Beauchamp.

Mr. Harris, on a recent visit to Tuskegee spoke of the improving sentiment in the South toward organization of Boy Scout troops among colored boys. Not until recently were charters granted to organize colored Boy Scouts in the South. The course gives instruction in the Boy Scout principles of education of learning by doing and in recreational methods of teaching.

A course in the technic of leadership was urged by Dr. C. C. Peters of the Pennsylvania State College in a series of lectures delivered here last week to the students and faculty. No school at this time offers just such a course, Dr. Peters said, and it would be a worthwhile contribution for Tuskegee Institute to make to modern education to work out such a course.

"Education in America is going through a period of reconstruction in which new values are being established. Formerly cultural education centered in leisure, but the cultural education of the future will be devoted to the enlargement of service. In this re-orientation of education Tuskegee has been a pioneer. The new culture will center in work and will be evaluated according to the mastery of the materials and the skill with which it is done."

Dr. Peters advocated the introduction of service courses in which the student will be trained completely along the lines for which he is preparing, so that he will not only be skilled in his work but will possess a knowledge of its history, background, purposes and allied skills.

Teachers of Tuskegee Institute ought to contribute more often to educational journals so that others may know what is being done here, Dr. Peters said.

Negro Brick Mason Builds and Pays for Y. M. C. A. for Race

Thomasville, Ga., May 3.—(Special.)—The Colored Y. M. C. A. building in Thomasville was formally opened last evening, Hon. State Senator Louis S. Wright making the presentation address. This building for the colored youth of the city was erected by Will E. Gibson, a leading colored citizen. Gibson is a brick mason and most of the work on the building was done by him with his own hands and paid for from his personal funds. The idea of having such a building here also originated in his desire to provide a wholesome recreation and educational center for the youth of his race.

NEWS
RICHMOND, VA.

MAY 17 1928

NEGRO SCHOOLS TO HAVE FIELD MEE

Program Arranged As Pa of Activities of Adventure Days Here.

The newly organized Negro B Scout troop, of Armstrong Hig school, will make its first public a pearance in uniforms at the play a tivities of the colored children a adults to be held on the campus the Virginia Union University Saturday, the play day of Adventu Days. The Armstrong troop is th first colored Boy Scout troop to l organized in Richmond.

Among the students scheduled for Saturday will be the field and track meet of the Negro schools. The Webster Davis, Moore, Baker, Dunbar, Booker Washington, Buchanan, George Mason and Navy Hill schools will compete in the track events. The track prize to be awarded the school winning the meet three times has been donated by the Williams Lodge of Elks.

The finals for the kite contest recently conducted by the Colored Playground and Recreation Association, oneof the community fund character-building agencies, will also be held on Saturday. The winners in the kite contest who will compete in the finals are: Aubrey Roane, Herman Howard, Manuel Jackson, Edward Ready, Manuel Robinson, Edgar Anderson, Clubde Britton, Fred Butts, Joseph Stevenson.

The program of events to be held Saturday at the Union University is as follows: Saturday morning—volley-ball contest and track meet, public schools; kite contest and aircraft tournament, public schools; competitive drill between cadet battalions of Order of St. Luke; game contest, public schools. Saturday afternoon—folk dances by girls from Phyllis Wheatley branch, Y. W. C. A.; May pole winding by children from South Richmond playground; horseshoe pitching contest, and a baseball game between teams of business and professional men.

Savannah, Ga. Press
May 3 1928

BOYS' WEEK AMONG COLORED YOUTHS

Occasion Is Being Fully Observed Here.

This year as well as last year the observation of "Boys' Week" among colored boys has been under the auspices of the Boy Leaders' Club of the Savannah Boys' Club.

Thus far the program has met with greater success than even the most sanguine had expected. Over fifty sermons were preached to boys from the various pulpits throughout the city.

On Monday and subsequent days speakers visited the various public and private schools, stressing in the boy the value and importance of "Good Citizenship and Industry" in his everyday life.

Especially interesting was the showing made on Tuesday night at the Father and Son banquet with more than 200 fathers and sons present.

On yesterday, both afternoon and night, at the Savannah Boys' Club, more than 150 boys gathered for the annual sessions of the "Older Boys' Conference," under the leadership of John Delaware.

Tonight the annual prize declamation contest will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Charles and West Broad streets, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The "field day" sports, at the Fair Grounds, which was to bring the week to a fitting close, had to be postponed at the last moment until May 25. This postponement gives all the schools and clubs three additional weeks of training and thus it is expected that all schools and clubs will be represented.

Savannah Ga. News
Thursday, September 13, 1928

MUCH PRAISE FOR FRANK CALLEN

Magazine Lauds His Talk at

Colored Boy Scout Movement Here

THE inauguration of the Boy Scout movement among the colored boys of the city comes as one of the most gratifying community projects undertaken here for a long time. Those who have been the moving spirits in getting this project started have instituted highly promising service for our group and city for which they deserve commendation.

The Boy Scout movement is known throughout the civilized world. Its underlying principle is to inculcate into youth the ideals that make for courageous, self-reliant, disciplined and sterling manhood. In fact it begins with the boys of today to make the men of tomorrow—and to make of them noble men, heroic men, real men who live to serve men. It is one of the movements which strike deep into the consciousness of mankind, penetrating beneath all that is crass and materialistic and bringing to the surface and into service the noblest virtues with which humanity is endowed.

Norfolk Journal.

Certainly it is a great opportunity for our boys in Norfolk now to have the privilege of Scout comradeship and teaching. A group of civic-minded men have under the tutorship of Mr. Louis R. Lester, scout executive of Norfolk, prepared themselves to lead our boys in scoutship. Let them have the unstinted cooperation of the parents and the citizens generally. What has been proved good for boys of other races and communities, also is good for our boys. The fact is we might as well cease deploring the tendency of certain groups of our boys to make street corners and questionable places their habitats while we do nothing to provide them with wholesome recreation. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," and "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." For us all, and particularly for the young, a mean must be struck between idleness and work. That means, it has been learned, is recreation, something that employs the mind, though in an actual sense it is neither work nor profitless play.

Norfolk Virginia.

It will be to the great benefit of this community and our group for us to give our Boy Scout project every encouragement and every opportunity for its very best development. We need it for our boys in Norfolk.

Birmingham

In an account of the twenty-second annual convention in Birmingham, Ala., of the Boys' Club Federation, the "Boys' Workers Round Table," published under the auspices of the federation, devotes space to a talk at the convention by Frank Callen, superintendent of the Boys' Club of Savannah, whose theme was "A Colored Boys' Club Adventure."

The speaker, a college-bred colored man, told with modesty of his experiences in developing a club for colored boys, and what it had meant to the boys and the community. His earnestness and enthusiasm was contagious. He received a cordial reception when introduced, but as he made point after point in his presentation he was greeted with rounds of applause.

"Frank Callen is a probation officer of the Juvenile Court of Savannah, who in his spare time and without salary, has established and built up a boys' club of 700 members that has been taken into the Community Chest and is pointed to as a splendid example of the possibilities of club work among colored boys. The fine reception given this address at the first Boys' Club convention held in the South was interpreted by Southern delegates as being prophetic of a new day.

"What proved a happy climax to Frank Callen's address was the arrangement made by the local committee for a glee club from the colored high school of Birmingham to follow the speaker with several admirably rendered spirituals."

MR. CURLEY GOES TO BOYS' CAMP

Frank L. Curley, Jr. has been selected by the Wissahickon Boy's club, Philadelphia, Pa., as one of six counsellors to serve at Camp Emlin from July 2nd to September 3rd.

The Savannah Boys club is highly honored by having a member of its staff placed on the summer staff of the Wissahickon Boy's club. This club recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. It is easily the oldest club for colored boys in the United States. It is also the most complete and the best equipped. Mr. W. T. Coleman, the club's superintendent is also special field secretary of the Boy's club Federation and has made several trips to Savannah.

The camp is situated several miles from Philadelphia. It takes its name from the Emlin family of quakers, who gave their estate to the colored boys for a camp. There is a large private lake and fish ponds, with boating and swimming facilities; private lighting system; dining hall, recrettion building, cottages for the different groups of boys with their counsellor and a cottage for the superintendent and his family. The old group goes back to the city and a new group enters camp every two weeks.

No other club of the Federation has ever been priviliged to furnish a counsellor at Camp Emlin before now; and this rare opportunity is extended the Savannah Boy's club in recognition of the splendid work it is doing.

Mr. Curley leaves Saturday for Germantown, Pa., and will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, until he takes up his duties at the camp.

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Boys' Meetings.

Boy Scout Ideas First Practiced in South Africa Says Missionary

The training of native youths in the kraals of South Africa furnished the inspiration for the Boy Scout movement according to Dr. Edwin Smith, English missionary and secretary of the British Bible Society, who spoke here Sunday night, September 23. While serving in South Africa, Sir Baden Powell, founder of the movement, observed the training which each boy received in woodcraft and other arts essential to his well being. He adapted this training to the needs of the English boy and organized the Boy Scout movement which has grown worldwide.

Messenger

"African youths are trained to meet the needs of the life which they live. And any effort to bring European methods to them must take into accounting the system already in vogue."

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The Negro in America has brought to efflorescence the native culture of Africa, Dr. Smith said. "In Africa we have the roots; you have the fruit. We have the beginnings; you the riches. In music, in your love for beauty and in religion this kinship is evident."

Tuskegee Inst., Ala.

Dr. Smith is in this country gathering material for a biography of the late J. E. K. Aggrey, eminent African educator of the Gold Coast. The text of Dr. Smith's address follows:

Mr. Principal, ladies and gentlemen of the faculty and my fellow students: I confess that I feel very much at home in your midst. As Dr. Moton has just said, I was born in Africa. I have addressed many audiences in various parts of the world and for every white audience before which I have appeared, I must have addressed one hundred-fifty colored. So I feel very much at home in your midst and I thank Dr. Moton for the many kind words he has said about me.

During the many years, the best years of my life, that I gave to working for and working with the African I got to know him in many different phases of his civilization. I have known the people in South Africa where their conditions of life are very similar to those of your own. I have known them in sections where the gospel has been preached and education has been given for the last one-hundred years and where they have retained their own native institutions and law. I have known them away up yonder in Central Africa where at the time I went first amongst them they had been utterly untouched by civilization. And everywhere I found the African to be a very fine fellow, lovable and worthy of all respect.

We took a long time to get up into Central Africa. Thirty years ago it meant traveling many weary months in a wagon drawn by sixty oxen. Then it meant a long march still further northward. During the latter part of the journey my wife and I were accompanied by about 200 men who had come down to escort us and to take our baggage. I was interested in these workers because they were the first of my future parishioners I had ever seen.

Learning a Native Language

I could not speak a word of their language and they could not speak a word of mine. At that time no white man had learned a single word of that language. I discovered among the crowd one who knew a few words of another African language with which I was quite familiar. I singled him out to be my teacher and the first day we rested in the heat of the day, and I called him aside and we sat down by the side of a tree; and I pointed to a stone and asked him, "What do you call it in your language?"—I wrote down in my notebook the African word. That was the first word of that language ever to be recorded. I got a few more words and then we went to our lunch. The second day he was not willing to teach me more. He said, "How can I teach you my language when my teeth are clean and my stomach is hungry?" I had seen him eat a few pounds of beef and knew that he was not hungry. For some reason he did not care to teach me more. The lessons from him came to an end, but not before I had gotten a few phrases and especially the one which meant: What is this? And with that phrase on my lips I used to go about handling this thing and that and asking the meaning of everything. That is how it began.

Fifteen years later the New Testament was printed in that language and the dictionary was written. It is a wonderful language. Some people seem to think that all primitive people speak a grammarless language. This African language is not grammarless. I heard dropped from the ips of the people about 12,000 words which is quite a respectable vocabulary, more than I command in English. What do you think of a language that has seventeen voices in it instead of the passive and active and several classes of genders instead of masculine, femimine and neuter, and sixteen times as many verbs and a number of articles and pronouns? And the people speak it correctly. Educated English people make mistakes in their grammar, but you can listen for years to African boys and girls who have never been to school and you will never hear them make a single grammatical mistake. I am not here to speak about myself or my work, but what I want to say is that the people have a language which is large in vocabulary and phrases and they are capable of expressing anything with great accuracy and delicacy. Such a people you will agree with me are remarkable.

The African Needs No Pity

Some people despise the African and think of him as perhaps crude in many respects and pity him. I think that pity is sometimes closely akin to contempt. If there is to be friendship between people, friendship must be based upon respect and respect is always the thing I ask for when I speak of my beloved people of Central Africa. They have a social organization of their own that is wonderful. They are a people who have a religion that is not to be despised. They are a people that are capable of almost infinite development upon the right lines.

African Culture Transplanted

I have been in America too short a while to say what I am going to say; but one thing has impressed me more than anything and that is this, that here upon these shores you have an efflorescence of African culture. Shall I try to explain what I mean though it must be apparent to you all? I mean that in Central Africa we have the roots; you have the fruitage. We have the beginnings; you have the riches.

I have been profoundly touched tonight in listening to your beautiful melodies. They tell me that your music in this country has been collected in the past centuries in Africa. I believe it to be true by sitting here I can detect quite plainly the tone, the rich tone of that music in Central Africa that coming from the lips of those enthusiastic Central Africans has so often moved and strengthened me. I never cease to think that you people have it in you to be the leaders of the world in matters of music. It is a great encouragement, I assure you and to come to one of your meetings affects me greatly. I have always believed in your possibilities and efforts. When I come here I see so much of my hopes in a state of efflorescence that I am encouraged and thank God.

African's Sense of Beauty

Take another illustration of what I mean. Some people have said that the native African has no sense of beauty. I don't believe that is true for a moment. I remember an old friend of mine as he turned and spoke of the beautiful tiger skin I had. I shall never forget the way he mentioned it. He spoke of the beauty of the skin and then he flung his arms out as if to embrace the whole world. All the world is beautiful, he said. Such beauty can come only from God who is beautiful. The African sincerely believes it. I come here to a place like this and I see the efflorescence of that sense of beauty. For Tuskegee strikes a stranger as being a singularly beautiful place that you have built up by the labor of your hands. Here is an expression of that beauty that connects your people so strongly with the African.

Is Deeply Religious

Let me mention two others. The African has his pagan gods. Untutored, he is a deeply religious man to whom one never has to prove that there is a God. He is quite as sure of there being a God as you are who have been trained in Christianity from your cradle. He has a sense of righteousness and piety. With all the ignorance he possesses and energy of spirit there is a reverence and a silence that you cannot but respect and love. They tell me that there is a greater proportion of colored people in America who are members of the church than the white. You cannot be in an audience today without realizing what a great deal of religious sentiment there is among you.

Have Educational System

The white people today are very busily engaged in carrying education to the African and I say to them very often: Don't forget for one moment that the African has his own system of education, that it is quite well worth your taking notice of it and learning from it before you attempt to give him anything else. They don't see it very easily, but it is there. The African has no books until we give them to him, but from the cradle on the child in every African home is being educated. All the Africans have valuable training in their homes and the motive and purpose of this education from beginning to end is a very high one indeed. The motive and purpose is simply to fit the youth to fill the life that he is about to live and to that end they train as best they can. You have African ideas here at Tuskegee. Is not that the very essence of what Tuskegee has to teach the world? Is that not the very essence of what your founder, Booker T. Washington, stood for? From here that idea of the education for life is permeating not only America but Europe also, and it is certainly making a wonderful difference wherever it is applied in Africa.

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in woodcraft and other arts essential to life in that country and adapted this training to the needs of the English boy. Since then, the movement has spread to all countries of the world.

Cooperation Calls for Respect

Now perhaps you think I am flattering you in all this. We know that there is another side to the picture I think I know something of the other side. I always like to say something nice about the people I love and leave it to other people to say the other things. Cooperation between people is based upon mutual understanding and respect. If there is to be mutual respect between people that respect must be founded upon self knowledge and self respect. We must respect ourselves before we begin to expect others to respect us. One great way of doing this is to cherish a deep reverence and piety for our ancestors. You cannot cut yourself off from your past. You ought not to try, because there is a great deal in your ancestors which is worthy of the deepest respect. There is this difference, between you and the English people. When the Romans landed in Great Britain they found some of our ancestors living in conditions like the Africans live today. But we can't recall those days, we English people. We may read it in books. The difference between you and us is just this: that you can take a ship here and in a month or two you can see your people as they were three, four or five thousand years ago. Your past is also your present. The better one gets to know those people in Central Africa the more one realizes that they are worthy of your respect and mine.

Aggrey—a Great Man

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Do you know the story of the college shield? Prof. Aggrey was always preaching this doctrine of cooperation and he had one little illustration that he used hundreds of times. If you sit down to a piano, you cannot play much if you only play the black notes, or you cannot play much if you play just the white notes. To make real harmony you must bring both into action. After his death the principal of the college suddenly had the inspiration to carry out Aggrey's memory and he incorporated that ideal in the college shield. He set the heads of the staff to work with the black and white coming together on that shield.

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The Baptist Ministers Wives Alli- vited. ance will meet Monday at 401 West Twenty-eighth street. Mrs. J. R. Saunders is president.

Frank R. Beckwith, a leader in

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Y. W. C. A. Shows Work Of Colored Women

Exhibit in Brooklyn Gives Better Idea of Their Place in the Arts

By Lester A. Walton

THE occupational activities of Brooklyn colored women were impressively pictured Dec. 13 and 14 at an exhibit staged by the Education Committee of the Ashland Place Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, Mrs. Matchie Marshall, Chairman.

In panoramic fashion the arts, industries, professions and business were illustrated on the three floors of the Association Building at No. 221 Ashland Place. The display was unique in the history of Kings County.

Commenting on its significance, Miss Frances Gunner, General Secretary of the branch, who played an important part in making it a success, said:

"Colored people in Brooklyn live in scattered communities in widely separated parts of the city. For this reason their activities are not always so clearly visualized as those of the more congested Harlem population. The exhibit has served an important educational purpose in acquainting the public with some valuable phases of community progress."

Must Be Residents Of the Borough

Only those living in the borough were eligible to take part. In this Brooklyn "Who's Who" in achievement were female physicians, interior decorators, artists, authors and lecturers, dressmakers, florists, licensed real estate brokers, modistes, makers of French flowers and lampshades, chiropodists, music teachers, costume sketchers, beauty culturists, furriers, bakers, picture and china painters, shoe dyers, caterers, makers of jellies and pickles, milliners, bird fanciers, rug manufacturers, operators of hand laundries, pastry decorators and nurses.

One of the exhibits on which attention was focused was that of Mrs. Nettie, Pelham, for fifteen years an employee in the shoe department of Macy's, who gave a demonstration in dyeing of satin slippers.

In the lobby were hung paintings by Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson and a group of ten pictures by Anna Welmon Miller. The music exhibit was housed in the reception room and included the original manuscript of a prize-winning composition by Andrades Lindsay; placards concerning the work of Mrs. Florence Mills, music teacher and organist, and ten copies of musical magazines with published articles by Isabele Taliaferro Spiller, director of the "Y" Music School and instructor in orchestral music in three of the Brooklyn public schools. Mrs. Spiller gave demonstrations of methods in the teaching of music to school teachers in attendance.

Six trained nurses in uniform gave demonstrations. Mrs. Edna Gloster and Miss Hazel Byrd were in charge of the Visiting Nurses Association booth where there was displayed a model sick room and equipment kit. Mrs. Beulah Palmer represented the Tuberculosis and Health Department of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities and Mrs. Florence Earle and the Earle Pharmacy. Miss Elba Mahoney was the private duty nurse. Mrs. Genevieve McKinney, supervisor of nurses for the Board of Health, gave a forum talk on "Professional Opportunities Open to the Negro Nurse."

An attractive exhibit on the main floor was that of Mrs. Marion Gaskill, Marcy Avenue furrier, whose models were shown by mannequins in the fashion parade. Other exhibits on the main floor to win praise were those of Mrs. R. P. Hamlin, art flowers; Miss Sara Pearson, china painting and pictures; Mrs. Pearl Velaquez, gift shop proprietor; Miss Clarice Curry, costumes; Miss Gladys Weeks, batik work; Miss Harriet Carpenter, lamp shades; Mrs. Marie Curtis, French flowers; Mrs. H. Parker, candy; Miss L. Fernandez, hand-painted scarfs; Oriole Art Club, embroidery; Mrs. B. Hartwell, children's clothes; Mrs. Caroline Bagley, books; Mrs. I. Ruffin, cosmetics; Mrs. J. Morris, beauty culture, and Mrs. Mary Dabney, real estate broker, who exhibited a group of illuminated miniature houses.

The model beauty parlor, presided over by Mrs. Frances Gibbons Hall, and the equipped office-corner set up by Dr. Mabel Duggins, chiropodist, were always crowded.

Mrs. McLeod Spoke In Forum Program

Other exhibitors included Mrs. Margaret Thomas, corsetiere; Miss Evelyn Classon, Mrs. C. Boyd, Mrs. J. Coburn, Mrs. Iris Assue, Miss McWilliams and Mrs. C. Stansbury, silks and embroidery; Mrs. Ella Selva, bakery; Mrs. Sara Russell, Miss C. Lomax and Mrs. Sophie Purdy, home cookery; Mrs. Rosa Dabney, preserves; Mrs. B. Butler, florist; Mrs. Stella Graves, millinery; Mrs. M. Francis, neckties; Mrs. D. Alcala and Miss Mabel Dabney, real estate; Mrs. Ethel Fearing, beauty culture; Mrs. Alice Foster, costume sketches; Mrs. H. Lapelle, hand laundry; Mrs. M. Powell and Mrs. M. E. G. Taylor, employment offices.

A feature of the forum program was the address by Mrs. Marcy McLeod Bethune of Daytona, Fla., former President of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, who spoke on the evening of Dec. 14. Other speakers were Dr. Agnes Griffin, representing the colored women physicians; Mrs. Catherine Latimer, librarian, and Miss Marjorie Parsons, delegate to the World's Youth Peace Congress in Eerde, Holland.

AID NEGRO ARTS

Mrs. Nettie Pelham

Miss Frances Gunner

The award in the typewriter contest conducted by Mrs. Sara Bailey Mosely was won by Miss Estelle Herring. A puppet show was given each evening by Miss Beatrice Henderson.

The following modistes exhibited costumes in the mannequin parade: Mrs. Kate Stewart, afternoon dress worn by Mrs. Rosa Weetherless, and bridesmaid costume worn by Miss Alice Taylor; Miss Clarice Currey, evening dress worn by Miss Madeline Johnson, and boudoir costume worn by Miss Helen Lawrence; Mrs. Stouper, evening dresses worn by Mrs. George Freeman and Mrs. Elinor Fearing; Mrs. Violet Redman, bridal costume worn by Miss Ruby Goring; Miss Harriet Carpenter, afternoon dress worn by Mrs. C. Allen; Mme. Carmen Renee, bridal costume worn by Miss Alice Cox and evening dresses worn by Miss Marion Belgraves, Mrs. May Goodridge, Miss Edna Rock, the Misses Doris and Kathleen Pottinger.

The Committee of Management of the Ashland Place Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association follows:

Mrs. R. W. Westbrook, Chairman; Mrs. L. A. Milligan, Vice Chairman; Miss Elizabeth Lark Scott, Secretary; Miss Anna Hawley, Treasurer; Miss Frances Gunner, General Secretary.

Mesdames Dorcas Crabbe, Claude Crane, Ida Fulcher, Adele Greene, Maria Holbrook, Addie Hunton, Francis Jordan, Lucy McCoy, Genevieve McKinney, J. C. Mitchell, Missouri Moore, J. E. Mooreland, George Murray, H. G. Parris, I. N. Smith, Idamae Mattis, C. E. Washington, Ida Wallace, M. C. West, Dr. Verina Morton Jones and the Misses Lillian Dodson, Margaret Welmon and Hattie Williams.

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$20,500 CAMPAIGN FOR COLORED GIRLS' CAMP UNDER WAY

Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. Seeks to Honor Memory of Slave Poetess.

GEN. WASHINGTON PAID TRIBUTE TO HER GENIUS

Published First Volume 12 Years After Landing in U. S. From Africa.

A campaign is being conducted to raise $20,500 for a camp site for the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association. It is proposed to establish a camp for colored girls, where they may receive the benefit of fresh air, bathing and boating. Miss M. P. Shadd is chairman of the drive with headquarters in the main building, 901 Rhode Island avenue northwest. The following article tells of the life and genius of the poetess after whom the organization was named.

By MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL.

When you call George Washington "First in peace," please remember that a young slave girl was the first person in the world, publicly, to refer to him in that way. It was Phyllis Wheatley, a young African poetess, who wrote a poem in his honor, and in one of the lines addressed him as "First in peace and honours," several years before the Declaration of Independence was signed.

If you had been walking down the streets of Boston, Mass., one day in 1761, you might have seen a poor little black girl, wrapped only in a piece of carpet, shivering with the cold. If you had asked, "What is your name? little girl," she would not have understood you, and even if she had understood and answered your question, her name would have sounded very queer to you. For she was a little foreigner.

She had been born in Africa, had been stolen from her native land, packed like a sardine in a slave ship with many others of her countrymen, and suffered the horrors and tortures of what was called "the middle passage," and had been brought by white men in this country to be sold as a slave.

A lady who wanted to train a young woman servant to take the place of an old one who was growing too old to work, went to the slave market in Boston to see what she could find in that line. The pathetic face of the shivering child appealed to this woman so strongly that she bought her in spite of the fact that her little body appeared so frail.

Sixteen months from that time she was reading the most difficult passages in the Bible. Six years from the day she was sold she had become so proficient in speaking and writing the English language that she had written a poem to the University of Cambridge, which was published. Twelve years after entering Mrs. Wheatley's service her volume of poems was published in London.

Phyllis was very fortunate in having Mrs. Wheatley as her mistress. The law did not force her to be merciful to the little slave and nobody expected her to give the girl a chance.

In her new home Phyllis became the special servant of Mrs. Wheatley's twins, Nathaniel and Mary, who were 10 years older than their slave. One day Mary saw the little African trying to form letters on the wall with a piece of chalk. She doubtless thought it would be great fun to teach her. She tried and the progress made by her black pupil was the sensation of that time. What a debt of gratitude her race and the whole world owe to Mary Wheatley! Very soon Phyllis began to write poems "for her own amusement." The preface of her book states. "As to her writings," says her master, "her own curiosity led her to it."

Phyllis did not know when or where she was born. She only knew she came from somewhere in Africa. She must have been born either in 1753 or 1754—not later than 1754, it is thought. She was probably between 7 and 8 years of age when she was dragged more dead than alive from the slave ship in Boston.

When she was 20 years old her health began to fail and her friends thought a sea voyage would do her good. Mr. Wheatley happened to be going abroad on business and he took Phyllis with him to England. She was the guest of the Countess of Huntingdon, was received by the Lord Mayor of London and by Lord Dartmouth, was feted, petted and honored by the culture and aristocracy of Great Britain.

Her book entitled "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral, by Phillis Wheatley, Negro Servant of John Wheatley, of Boston, in New England, was published during this visit in 1773. It was dedicated to her English hostess and patroness as follows: "To the Right Honorable the Countess of Huntingdon, the following pages are most respectfully inscribed, by her much obliged, very humble and devoted servant, Phyllis Wheatley." Thus it was that the Wheatley family became immortalized, for it would long have been forgotten if it had not been for the genius of a slave.

In order to prove to those who would doubt that the African girl really wrote the poems, Mr. Wheatley had some of the most distinguished citizens in New England vouch for this fact. In one of the preliminary pages of the book, his excellency, Thomas Hutchinson, governor, and the lituetnant governor, together with sixteen other representative citizens signed their names to the following statement: "Phyllis, a young Negro girl, who was but a few years since brought an uncultivated barbarian from Africa, has ever since been and is now under the disadvantage of serving as a slave in a family in this town, has been examined by some of the best judges and is thought qualified to write them."

On the day Phyllis received a letter from George Washington, then commander in chief of the army and the future President of the United States in which he complimented her upon the poem written in his honor, he addressed her as "Miss Phyllis," and declared she exhibited striking proof of poetical talent. "If ever you come to Cambridge or near headquarters," he wrote her, "I shall be happy to see a person so favored by the muses and to whom nature has been liberal and beneficent in her dispensation. I am, with great respect, your obedient, humble servant, George Washington."

When she was about 25 Phyllis married John Peters, a man of her own race, and seems to have been unhappy. She lived only five years after her marriage, and was working in an ordinary boarding house when she died, December 5, 1734, in her thirty-first year. This poetess was a full-blooded African, so that her talent and attainments can not be attributed to the mixture of Caucasian or any other blood in her veins.

If any other human being, black, white, yellow, red or brown, has ever made such marvelous intellectual progress and achieved such great literary success in such a short time under such unfiar circumstances as Phyllis Wheatley the records of history do not show it.

Elected To Student Volunteer Board

3/19/28

GREENSBORO, N. C., Mar. 3.—At the Student Volunteer Convention just held at Duke University, Durham, N. C., a Negro girl was elected to the Executive Committee of that organization. This is the first time in the history of the Student Volunteer of North Carolina that a Negro woman has been thus honored. Miss Maggie Simpson was elected secretary of the colored group of the conference and later elected to the Executive Committee. Miss Simpson is a sophomore at Bennett College for Women and is a member of the Southern Student Council of the Y. W. C. A.

The other representatives at the Volunteer Conference from Bennett College for Women were Miss Nina Roberts who is a graduate from Ohio University who represented the faculty, Miss Alma Tarpley, Miss Nellie Artis and Miss Barbara Johnson.

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Negro Art Is Subject of Y. W. C. A. Meeting

Miss Crystal Bird will speak at the supper meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Race Relations Committee to be held in the autditorium of the Y. W. C. A. Thursday evening. The subject of her talk will be "The Contribution of the Younger Generation of Colored People to Art and Music." Miss Bird who is a trained musician will supplement her talk with a number of Negro spirituals.

The committee is sending out wide invitations to such organizations as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Woman's League and other groups connected with Community House and with the churches, to the Central Council of Social Agencies. The meeting, both for the supper and for the talk, will be open to the public. Reservations should be made in advance for the supper. Mrs. Edward H. Lorenz will preside over the meeting, and Mrs. Alexander Bunce, of Bolton, is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Assisting her will be Miss Emma Welcher, Miss Ruth Porter, and Miss Alice D Brooks.

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NEW WHEATLEY HOME OPENED

Tuskegee Institute Head, Speaking at Luncheon, Sees Greater Race Co-operation.

"The problem of the Caucasian and the Negro, representing the two opposite extremes of the human race from a biological viewpoint, living and working together, is being met today with better success and more co-operation from both than at any other time in the history of the country."

This was the verdict of Dr. Robert Russa Moton, successor to Booker T. Washington as head of Turkegee institute, delivered at a luncheon Tuesday night, which opened the new Phillis Wheatley home at 4450 Cedar ave. About 300 prominent Cleveland men and women who have supported the movement to create a home for colored girls were present.

On the subject of the new nine-story building which includes accommodations for 135 girls with parlors, a smoking room, beauty shop and domestic science training rooms, Dr. Moton declared that it was the finest thing of its kind that he had ever seen.

Tuesday's opening was invitational. Wednesday the home will be thrown open for public inspection. It is the result of the campaign put on by the Phillis Wheatley association in 1926 and largely due to the efforts of Miss Jane Hunter, executive secretary of the association, who came here penniless in 1905 and, after a struggle for her own education, succeeded in interesting a number of Clevelanders in the problem of the colored girl.

Prominent Women Feature Program

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Jane Hunter Is Praised For Great Achievement — Moton and Bethune Present.

Thelma-Louise Taylor

CLEVELAND, O., Apr. 26 —Throngs of interested people crowded the auditorium of the new Phillis Wheatley the past two evenings to participate in the formal opening exercises of the Phillis Wheatley home, corner East Forty-sixth street and Cedar avenue.

Tuesday evening the main speaker was Dr. Robert Moton of Tuskegee Institute who urged the people to continue placing their confidence in the trustees and the secretary of the Phillis Wheatley. Dr. Moton stressed the advisability of greater education among Negroes, the need of greater capital invested in Negro business and the payment of greater attention to the conditions surrounding the women of the race.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Mary Bethune, president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, spoke from the angle of one who was particularly interested in the welfare of women. In telling of her experience as an official of the Daytona College Mrs. Bethune declared that the Negro woman of today sought to better not only her condition, but the condition of all with whom she came in contact. Mrs. Mary Weather Nutter, the wife of the Hon. Isaac Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., brought greetings from the people of her city and state.

The formal opening of the Phillis Wheatley occurred at a luncheon meeting held at the Phillis Wheatley, Tuesday for a limited number of guests. Mr. Charles K Arter presided at the meeting He then presented Mr. David E. Green, who formally presented the new building to Miss Bertha E. Bailey, president of the board of trustees. Dr. Moton delivered a short talk. Mr. D. W. Frackleton read the treasurer's report. At the Tuesday evening meeting the Girl Reserves gave a drill and the next evening presented a one-act operetta entitled "The Glass Necklace." The

GIRLS' FRIEND

MISS JANE E. HUNTER

music for both evenings was provided by the Harmony Trio, the John Maxwell quartette, the Phillis Wheatley Quartette and the Phillis Wheatley High School Girls Glee Club.

The new structure is the largest of its kind in the country and is valued at $600,000. The first and second floors include the offices of the secretary, Miss Jane E. Hunter, the administration offices, parlors, cafeteria and gymnasium. The entire third floor has been given over the educational department, and in addition class rooms, club rooms, a cozy lounge room and a large reading room. The girls occupy the remaining six floors.

This building is the result of continued activity on the part of the present general secretary, Miss Jane E. Hunter, who came to Cleveland as a nurse from Hampton Institute, and in 1913 organized the Phillis Wheatley Association.

Interesting, to see, are the memorial rooms which have been furnished by members of the board and friends of the association. Mrs. B. L. Millikin, a trustee of the association, with her sister and brother, have furnished one entire floor of the residence department. Cleveland women have furnished the reception hall of the building in honor of Mrs. Stevenson Burke, the largest single contributor to the association.

Many well-known people are in the city for the opening celebration the guests of Miss Hunter. Mrs. Mary Bethune, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Moton, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Harris, Toronto; Mr. P. J. Milliner of Buffalo, Mrs. Mary Nutter and a party of ladies from Charleston, W. Va., Mr. Lake Imes, special assistant to Dr. Robert Moton, Mr. and Mrs. Truman K. Gibson of Columbus, the president of the Supreme Life Insurance Company; Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, Columbus, and Miss Anna Hope of Cincinnati. Delegations are here from Akron, Youngstown, Columbus and Toledo.

NEW PHILLIS WHEATLEY HOME

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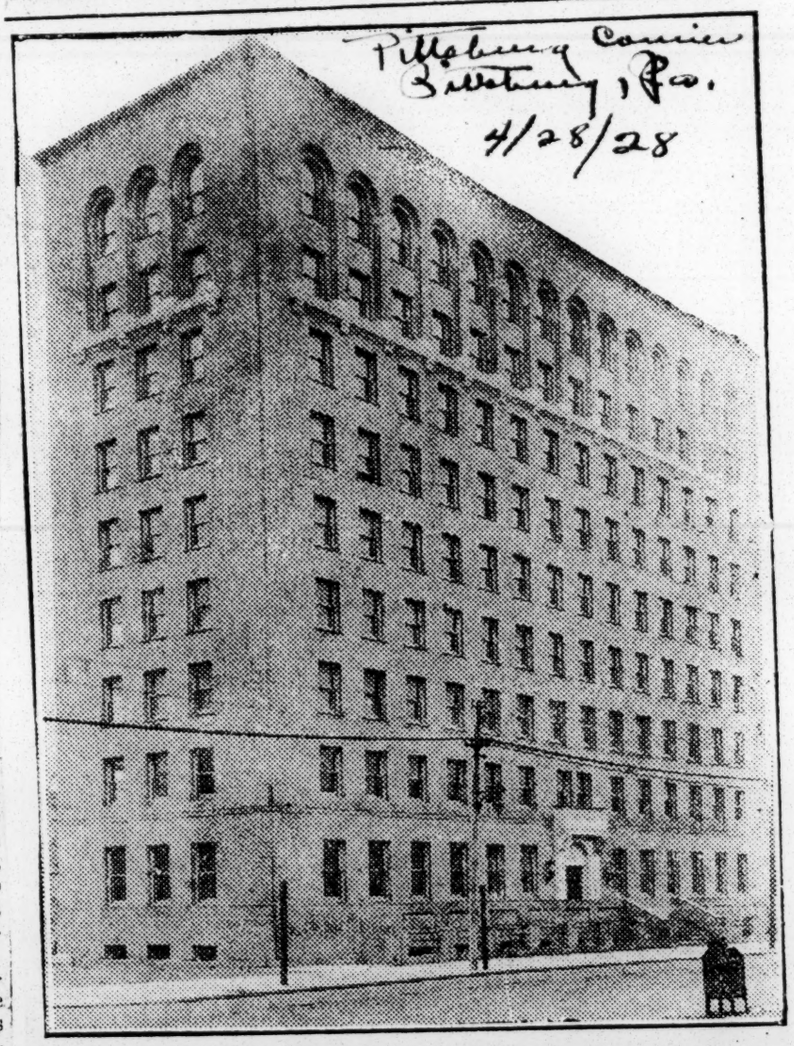

The new Phillis Wheatley Home, Cedar avenue, Cleveland, O.

CO-ED ATTENDS CONFERENCE

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POLAND, Me., July 12.—(By A. N. P.)—Grace Vera Postles of Emerson College, Boston, Mass., is attending the Northeastern Student Conference at Camp Maqua, Poland, Me. Mrs. Postles was chosen by the conference as one to serve on the Executive Board of the New England Delegation for the ensuing year. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David W. Postles of Philadelphia.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

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COLORED Y.W.C.A. WORK DISCUSSED IN TALK BY MRS. J. L. MAXWELL

An interesting meeting of the committee on colored work was held Friday evening at the colored Y. M. C. A. Branch. Mrs. Joe L. Maxwell, executive secretary of the colored Y. W. C. A. Branch at Charleston, S. C., delivered a splendid address. Her subject was the letter "F" and in developing it she spoke of the several phases of service and sharing. She referred to the possibility of service to the community by the Y. W. C. A. Also how each member of the organization can share in this service by aiding in putting over the program of activities. She spoke of the activity of the Y. W. C. A. at Charles during the past three years she has been secretary. The address was followed by a social session, with Mrs. Maxwell as honor guest. Both the address and social were largely attended.